

MARYLAND BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE
4201 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Room 105

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| MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION |
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JANUARY 9, 2018
1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Thomas Ingegno, L.Ac., Sheryl Hongsermeier, L.Ac., RN, Teal Beatty, L.Ac., Sherrie Black, L.Ac, R.N., Esq., Peter Marinakis, L.Ac., Ph.D., Jan Exler, M.Ed., Consumer

BOARD MEMBERS LATE:

None

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Barbara Heller, Ed.D., R.N., Consumer

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Penny Heisler, Executive Director, Cynthia Dobbins, Administrative Officer, Danielle Vallone, Investigator and David Finkler, AAG

GUESTS:

David Wurzel, L.Ac., Sharon Bloom, MDH and David Blaiwas, L.Ac., MAS

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

APPROVAL OF November 14, 2017 MINUTES

After review of the Minutes, Ms. Black made a motion to accept the Minutes as written and Mr. Exler seconded the motion. The Board unanimously voted to accept the Minutes as written.

1. OLD BUSINESS

A. SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Mr. Ingegno informed the Board that there is no report at this time.

B. DRY NEEDLING

Ms. Heisler reported that she submitted two letters to the Physical Therapy (PT) Board informing its members that the Acupuncture Board received several Instagram photos in which physical therapists were advertising and possibly performing acupuncture services. The letter stated that the Board is extremely concerned that licensed physical therapists do not have a clear understanding of the appropriate parameters of dry needling and requested that the Physical Therapy Board take appropriate action to educate its licensees

on the boundaries of dry needling and ensure that its practitioners are not performing acupuncture, or advertising services that are acupuncture.

2. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEGISLATION 2018

Ms. Heisler informed the Board that there are no Bills for review at this time.

B. MID-YEAR BUDGET REPORT

Ms. Heisler presented the following report:

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| SALARIES | 206,750.00 | 84,064.15 |
| PER DIEM | 4,067.00 | 1,900.00 |
| COURT REPORTERS | 1,108.00 | 361.50 |
| INVESTIGATIONS | 146.00 | 0.00 |
| POSTAGE/TELEPHONE | 2,256.00 | 664.98 |
| IN-STATE TRAVEL | 1,150.00 | 448.34 |
| DHMH AG COSTS | 5,409.00 | 5,409.00 |
| BANK ACCOUNT CHARGES | 3,012.00 | 1,099.26 |
| BLDG REP | 20.00 | 0.00 |
| CONTRACTUAL LABOR | 26.00 | 0.00 |
| EDUCATION & TRAINING | 600.00 | 0.00 |
| EQUIPMENT REPAIRS | 144.00 | 0.00 |
| LITIGATION | 900.00 | 0.00 |
| INDIRECT COST RECOV | 11,337.00 | 9,902.48 |
| HOUSEKEEPING | 8.00 | 4.15 |
| PRINTING | 1,159.00 | 0.00 |
| RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATIVE FEE | 428.00 | 428.00 |
| DOIT SERVICES ALLOCATION | 413.00 | 0.00 |
| STATEWIDE PERSONNEL SYSTEM | 640.00 | 0.00 |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS | 4,937.00 | 770.24 |
| AWARDS | 152.00 | 149.50 |
| CORP PURCHASING CARD | 0.00 | 536.99 |
| FOOD | 260.00 | 167.40 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES | 1,290.00 | 191.95 |
| RENT | 13,739.00 | 13,739.00 |
| SUBSCRIPTIONS | 395.00 | 166.08 |
| TOTAL | 260,346.00 | 120,003.02 |

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| TOTAL REVENUE TO DATE | 174,261 |
| PROJECTED END OF YEAR REVENUE | 310,000 |

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

C. REGULATION UPDATE **Foreign Review and Reciprocity Changes**

Ms. Heisler updated the Board on the regulation changes that delete foreign application review and reciprocity requirements. The regulation changes were approved at its meeting in May 2017. Ms. Heisler stated that the Board had initially delegated its review of foreign applicants to the Foreign Education Credential Service of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which did a thorough job of vetting transcripts. Unfortunately, AACRAO folded. The Board started utilizing the services of the World Education Services which the Board has found insufficient.

Ms. Heisler stated that the changes are scheduled to take effect on January 29, 2018. She stated that all applications and the website will reflect the changes on the effective date.

D. BOARD CHAIR MEETING

Mr. Ingegno and Ms. Heisler attended a meeting on January 8, 2018 with Secretary Schrader and Lieutenant Governor Rutherford at the Governor's Coordinating Offices in Crownsville.

The main purpose of the meeting was to address the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, the opioid crisis in Maryland, and regulatory reform. Mr. Ingegno recommended to the Lieutenant Governor that the State should strongly consider utilizing acupuncture services for addiction treatment.

Ms. Heisler stated that the Department of Health will have a new Secretary, Robert R. Neall, who was a former member of the Senate and House of Delegates and was the County Executive of Anne Arundel County. His appointment becomes effective tomorrow, January 10, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.